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Nathan (Nate) Bush advises clients in internal investigations, government enforcement actions, and compliance matters in Asia. He was based in Beijing from 2004 through 2012, and has covered the region from Singapore since 2013. Nate was a pioneer of antitrust practice in China, and guides clients through anti-bribery and anticorruption (ABAC) risks in Asia's dynamic markets.

Nate represents companies and individuals in internal investigations and enforcement actions involving violations of the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and other ABAC laws, as well as securities fraud, market misconduct, money laundering, export controls, and sanctions violations. He has conducted investigations in China, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and other jurisdictions, and routinely advises on compliance aspects of capital markets, M&A, private equity and venture capital transactions in Asia.

Nate advises clients regarding antitrust merger notifications, compliance strategies, and enforcement risks under Asia's evolving competition regimes. He leads innovative multi-jurisdictional approaches to antitrust regulatory inquiries, litigation, and policy advocacy, and represents clients in US merger review and antitrust litigation matters.

Nate is experienced in the specific regulatory risks of diverse industries in Asia, including the financial services, life sciences, semiconductor, media, telecommunications, energy, aviation, manufacturing and retail sectors.

He frequently publishes articles and speaks on competition policy and compliance issues in Asia. He co-authored the China chapter of the ABA's treatise on Competition Laws Outside the U.S., and writes a bimonthly column on antitrust in China Law & Practice. Nate clerked for the Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

RELATED SERVICES

- Investigations
- Antitrust and Competition
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

RELATED SECTORS

- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Chinese (Mandarin)
English

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EXPERIENCE

Investigations and Compliance

- Conducted dozens of internal investigations of potential liability under the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) and local anticorruption rules, including recent investigations of:
 - clinical trials in China by a pharmaceutical company
 - recruiting practices in China of a financial institution
 - marketing practices in Indonesia of a technology company
 - customs clearance and sales practices of a technology company in Singapore, Indonesia, and China
 - use of consultants in Indonesia, Malaysia, and China by financial institutions
- Represented audit committees of multiple China-based issuers in internal investigations of allegations of fraud and accounting irregularities
- Represented individual defendants in internal investigations and government investigations of collusion in fixing of reference foreign exchange rates and other regulated market misconduct

Antitrust and Competition

- Advised US manufacturing company on merger clearance in China and other jurisdictions in USD 5 billion dollar acquisition of competitor
- Advised major technology company in investigation of competitor's IP licensing practices by Chinese authorities
- Advised Asian manufacturer in investigation of price-fixing by employees and disclosure to competition authorities
- Advised hard-drive manufacturer in obtaining conditional clearance of acquisition of competitor in China and other jurisdictions
- Advised US entertainment company on antitrust and other regulatory issues regarding strategic joint venture with Chinese entertainment company

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Attorney-at-law admitted with the District of Columbia Bar

Recognitions

- Named by *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2018 as a leading individual in the area of Corporate Investigations/Anti-Corruption - Singapore.

Education

- Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, 1997-2000. Juris Doctorate (J.D.), Cum Laude, 2000
- Harvard Asia Quarterly, Editor in Chief, 1998-2000
- Harvard International Law Journal, Submissions Committee, 1998-1999
- Harvard Asia Law Society (HALS), 1999-2000. Executive Committee Member, 1998-2000
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 1991-1995. B.A. in Government & Foreign Affairs, East Asian Studies (Minor), 1995
- Judicial Clerkship, Hon. Leonie M. Brinkema, U.S. District Court, E.D. Va. 2000-2001

Memberships

- Co-Chair, IP and Legal Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, 2016-present
- General Counsel (Volunteer), American Chamber of Commerce in China, 2009-2011
- Chair, Legal Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in China, 2008
- Harvard Asia Law Society (HALS), Executive Committee Member, 1998-2000
- Harvard Asia Quarterly, Editor in Chief, 1998-2000
- Harvard International Law Journal, Submissions Committee, 1998-1999

Admissions

- District of Columbia, Virginia
- Co-Chair, Legal & IP Committee, AMCHAM Singapore (2017)
- General Counsel, AMCHAM China, (2009-2011)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Antitrust Matters - May 2019

13 MAY 2019

Antitrust Matters Series

We are pleased to share with you a New Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters.

Super-apps complicate corporate compliance, pose heightened risks under FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy

10 JUL 2018

Super-apps allow seamless interaction between colleagues, customers, suppliers and other business parties. In some jurisdictions, local employees communicate exclusively via such apps – but this conduct presents grave legal, compliance and risk-management challenges.

US to re-impose sanctions on Iran as it withdraws from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action

9 MAY 2018

President Trump has signed a presidential memorandum directing his Administration to immediately begin the process of re-imposing sanctions related to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, targeting critical parts of Iran's economy, among them its energy, petrochemical and financial sectors.

China passes new law to support new super anti-graft agency

21 MAR 2018

On March 20, 2018, China's top legislative body passed the National Supervision Law (NSL). The NSL provides a legislative basis for the operations of the newly established National Supervision Commission (NSC), an anti-graft agency charged with investigating misconduct by government officials and coordinating with the country's judicial, procuratorate, and law enforcement

authorities in combating corruption.

Smartphone apps pose heightened compliance risks under new US FCPA Corporate Enforcement Policy

7 FEB 2018

Smartphone users in China and many other emerging economies increasingly rely on so-called super-apps, which integrate features otherwise accessible through multiple applications under a single user interface and account.

Antitrust Matters - November 2017

23 NOV 2017

Antitrust Matters Series

We are pleased to share with you a Special Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters.

Conducting investigations in China: four common pitfalls

3 OCT 2017

Conducting an investigation in a foreign country can be challenging, and in China many of these challenges are magnified.

- "China Law & Practice," bimonthly column on Chinese competition law, 2014-present
- "Qihoo v. Tencent: Roadmap or Anomaly?," *Antitrust*, Vol. 29, No. 2, Spring 2015
- Competition Laws Outside the U.S., ABA Treatise, China Chapter

Events

Previous

Antitrust Big Data webinar

22 FEB 2018

Antitrust Big Data webinar

Webinar

The changing Landscape of Fintech

8 FEB 2018

Singapore

Antitrust aspects of big data and algorithms

23 JAN 2018

Webinar

Antitrust Big Data webinar

22 JAN 2018

Antitrust Big Data webinar

Webinar

Transparency International UK's Global Anti-Bribery Guidance portal launch

30 NOV 2017

Singapore

Investigations and Compliance

- “Southeast Asia: Critical Updates and Risk Factors.” ACI, Global Regulatory Enforcement Update, Washington, D.C., December 2, 2016
- “The Rise of Whistle-blowers,” International Bar Association, Asia Pacific Regional Forum on Anti-Corruption Compliance and Enforcement, Seoul, November 3-4, 2016
- “New Data and Privacy Regulation Restrictions: Impact on Cross-Border Data Transfers, Reporting, and Investigations”, ACI, “Asia-Pacific Summit on Anti-Corruption Compliance and Risk Management,” Singapore, November 17, 2015
- “Preparing for Increased SEC Enforcement and Expectations”, ACI, “Asia-Pacific Summit on Anti-Corruption Compliance and Risk Management,” Singapore, October 27-29, 2015
- “How to Establish a Corporate Compliance Ethics Program & Manage Whistleblower Complaints,” ACI, “FCPA Bootcamp –Working Group Session” San Francisco, CA, October 1, 2015
- “Antitrust & Anticorruption in China and Russia,” ACI, Global Anticorruption Regulatory Enforcement Update, Washington, D.C., July 20, 2015
- “Anti-Corruption Compliance Strategies for Multi-National Companies in China,” PLI, “The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and International Anti-Corruption Developments,” New York, NY, May 2015

Antitrust and Competition

- “Cartel Leniency & Settlement Policies,” UNCTAD Competition Symposium, Chinese University of Politics & Law, Beijing, Sept. 27, 2016
- Conference Chair, CCH Global Competition Law Forum, Tokyo, July 29, 2016
- “Let the Buyer Beware? Challenges to Merger Review in Asia,” American Bar Association, 2015 Asia Law Forum, Nov. 16-17, 2015
- Conference Chair, CCH Global Competition Law Forum, Tokyo, May 21, 2015

NEWS

DLA Piper advises on the US\$630 million acquisition of Norway's furniture maker Ekornes

25 MAY 2018

DLA Piper has advised a consortium comprising China's Qumei Home Furnishing Group and Huatai Zijin Investment on the acquisition of Ekornes, the largest furniture manufacturer in the Nordic region, for an total consideration of approximately NOK 5.1 billion (US\$630.75 million).

DLA Piper advised China Eastern Airlines on investment in Air France-KLM

19 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised China Eastern Airlines (CEA), one of the largest Chinese airlines operating domestic, regional and international routes, on its strategic investment in Euronext Paris listed Air France-KLM.

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13 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised China Eastern Airlines (CEA), one of the largest Chinese airlines operating domestic, regional and international routes, on its strategic investment in Euronext Paris listed Air France-KLM (AFK). Through this transaction, CEA and SkyTeam alliance member Delta Air Lines (Delta) have each acquired a 10 percent stake in AFK's share capital within the framework of reserved capital increases. The transaction closed on 3 October 2017.
